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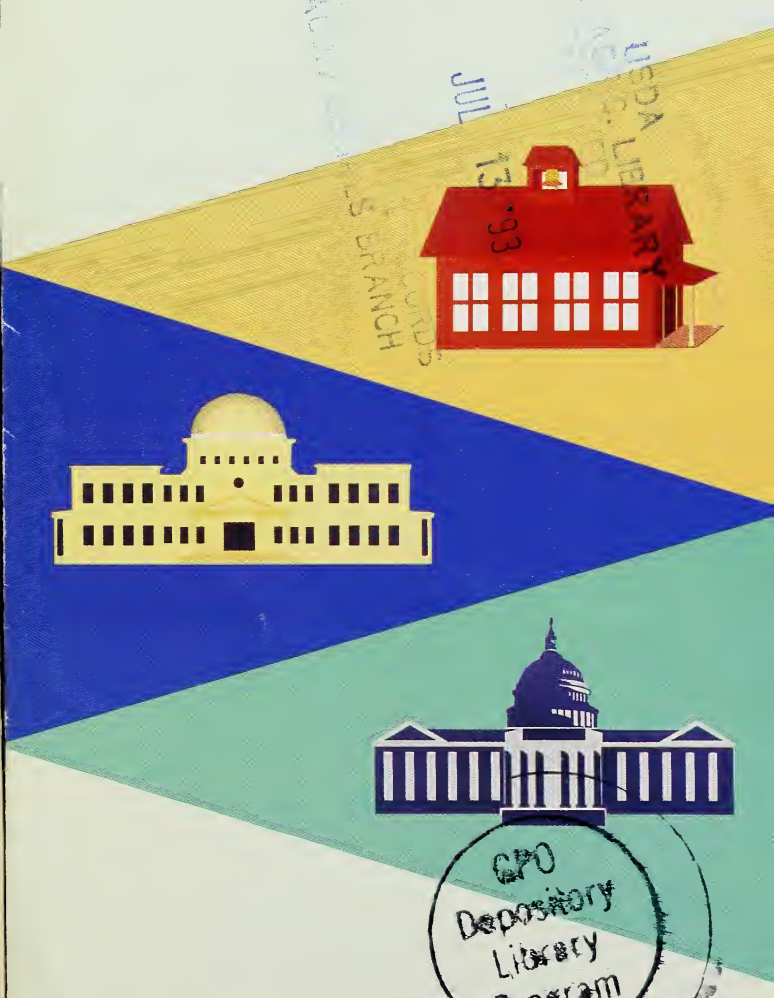

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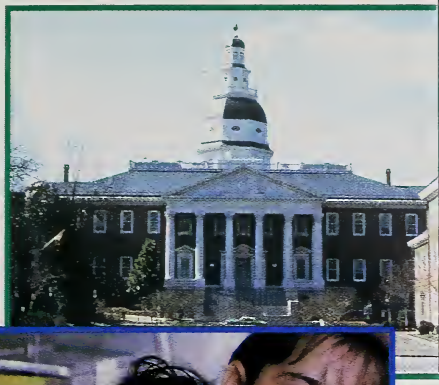
Local Involvement

- Serve healthy meals to students.
- Promote healthy eating for students through the Nutrition Education and Training Program.
- Accommodate students with special needs.
- Promote activities to involve students and parents in food service programs.
- Provide technical assistance and training to food service staff.
- Adopt creative menu planning and innovative cafeteria practices.
- Foster the use of environmentally friendly products and practices in the food service operation.
- Operate Child Nutrition Programs that meet State and Federal requirements.



State Involvement

- Administer the Child Nutrition Programs.
- Support nutrition education activities and projects through the Nutrition Education and Training Program.
- Provide technical assistance and training to schools and school food authorities through workshops, seminars, teleconferences, newsletters, and management development courses.
- Interact with legislative bodies to ensure proper funding of school food service programs.
- Supply nutritional guidance materials and training packages for distribution.
- Encourage schools to start breakfast programs.

Federal Involvement

- Provide commodities and cash reimbursement for school meals.
- Award grants for School Breakfast Program expansion.
- Promote healthy eating for students by funding nutrition activities through the Nutrition Education and Training Program.
- Develop nutritional guidance materials and training packages for national distribution.
- Assist/support State agencies in technical assistance and training efforts.
- Develop operational guidance and training materials for the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, and Commodity School Programs.

Food and Nutrition Information Center

This Center lends free of charge a wide variety of information and educational materials to food service managers and school teachers. Topics include:

- nutrition education
- food service management
- food safety and sanitation
- relationship between diet and disease
- nutrient composition
- food science and technology
- U.S. food and nutrition programs

These materials include books, journal articles, and audiovisuals. You can visit the Center personally, write for information, contact it by telephone, or have your library make interlibrary loan requests. It is located at the National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Boulevard, Room 304, Beltsville, Maryland 20705, and the telephone number is 301/504-5719.

Our Children Are America's Future—

Thousands of students are served nutritious meals at school due to the efforts of many people at the local, State, and Federal levels. Working as a team, we encourage healthy eating habits for the Nation's students.

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